meeting of the Committee for the opening of the water-way to Kunnamkulam from Mr. K. Mani Verghese, the Convener to the Committee;

(b) whether the alignment of the canal has been finally settled;

(c) whether the consideration of straightening the alignment is over; and if so,

(d) whether any communication since answering question No. 334 on 14th March last, has been sent to the Madras Government; and if so,

(e) whether a copy of the communication will be printed and placed on the table;

(f) whether any reply has been received from the Government of Madras; and if so,

(g) what is the reply received;

(h) if the answer to sub-division (c) is in the negative, when was the last communication from the Madras Government received?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) No. Copy of the communication cannot be given.

(f) No.

(g) and (h) Do not arise in view of answers given above.

Payment of allowance to the Diwan Peishkar.

21. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the allowance to the Diwan Peishkar provided in this year's budget has been paid to him up-to-date;

(2) if so, when was it paid;

(3) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in disbursing it;

(4) when was the Diwan's order granting the allowance of Rs. 100 a month passed?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—(1) No.

(2) This question does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (1) above.

(3) Government have not sanctioned the allowance.

(4) Final orders sanctioning the allowance have not been passed.

Segregation of lepers.

22. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are aware that a large number of the lepers are exposing themselves in public streets for begging for alms;

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